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REMARKS

In a telephone conversation held on 8 August 2006, the undersigned spoke to examiner Rosenberg concerning the notice of 17 July 2006 stating that the most recent amendment is non-responsive. The examiner spoke to her supervisor and it was agreed that the amendment is responsive and that the applicant should file a reply to have the amendment considered. Accordingly, this paper is in response to the interview and is a reply to the office communication of 17 July 2006.

In the interview, the undersigned pointed to the second full paragraph of page 28 of the specification, which indicated that the closed portions 121d of Fig. 16 restrict thickness and thus form the "thickness restricting mechanism" of claim 1. This section of the specification describes the elected embodiment of Figs. 13-20. Therefore, claim 1 covers the elected embodiment, and the most recent amendment is responsive.

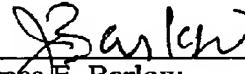
Furthermore, during the telephone interview, the undersigned argued that claims 26 and 27 are readable on the elected species for the reasons given in the amendment of 29 April 2006. In the office communication of 17 July 2006, the examiner stated that claims 26 and 27 are not readable on the elected species, but the examiner did not mention the arguments presented in the amendment of 29 April 2006. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider the status of claims 26 and 27 in light of those arguments.

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